



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM **JULY 2025**

Dear Families,

As we reach the very end of another incredibly busy, exciting, and successful academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on all we have achieved together and extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful school community.

What a truly memorable year it has been, filled with growth, learning, and countless moments of joy!

This week, we prepare to bid a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 6 children. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them – their hard work, resilience, and the wonderful example they have set for the younger children. We know they will go on to achieve great things, and they will always be a cherished part of the Sherwell Valley family.

This year has been packed with incredible highlights including enriching learning experiences, exciting trips and visits, triumphant sporting moments, vibrant celebrations of the creative arts, fantastic developments within the school environment, our wonderful community spirit, and strong academic outcomes. It truly does make us feel very proud to be part of such a wonderful, thriving primary school.

We are already busy planning for an even more successful and exciting academic year ahead, building on the strong foundations we have laid. Our commitment remains to provide the very best education and care for every child.

Thank you once again for your incredible support, partnership, and trust throughout this academic year. We wish you all a truly wonderful, restful, and fun-filled summer break with your families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for new adventures, in September!

Best wishes
Cristy Nelson



OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

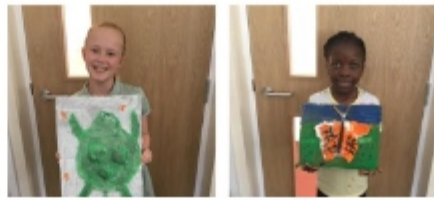
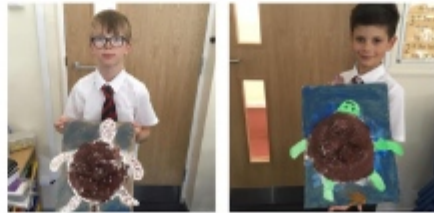


OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Year 3



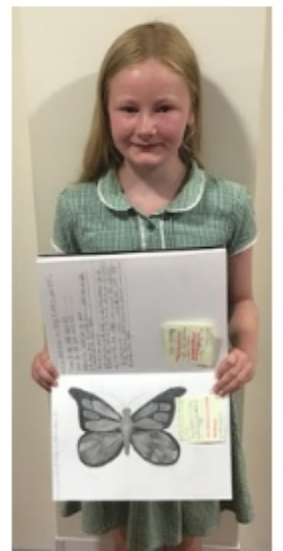
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

16th May - 18th July

Reception	96.02
Year 1	96.41
Year 2	95.75
Year 3	95.45
Year 4	94.18
Year 5	94.57
Year 6	95.68

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are expected to attend school 100% of the time. Absence from school for any reason is a concern.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Absent
75%	7 Days	2 Weeks	56 Lessons
70%	10 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
65%	15 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
60%	20 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
55%	25 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
50%	30 Days	12 Weeks	300 Lessons
45%	35 Days	15 Weeks	350 Lessons

89% + Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



FAREWELL YEAR 6

This week, we celebrate our wonderful Year 6 cohort as they complete their primary school journey and look forward to the adventures that awaits them. We will miss you Year 6! Good luck, we know you will be amazing!



FANTASTIC KS2 OUTCOMES

	SCHOOL % AT EXPECTED +	NATIONAL % AT EXPECTED +	SCHOOL % AT GD
Reading	84%	75%	44%
Writing	82%	72%	7%
Mathematics	85%	74%	27%
Combined (RWM)	75%	62%	6%
SPAG	88%	73%	38%



GlastonValley and our FOSV Summer Fair. We had such an amazing day.

Thank you for your support! The children were all fantastic, and as well as performing, they had the opportunity to truly feel the festival vibes and enjoy music from Bramwell members, Ava and Alfie Sams, and the Torquay Academy 6th Form Band, along with our fantastic staff performers. It was wonderful to welcome back ex-students and celebrate music and performance together as one vibrant community.

**GLASTONVALLEY
AND FOSV SUMMER
FAIR**

SEPTEMBER THINGS TO REMEMBER

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the end of the academic year and begin to look forward to the next, we wanted to send a friendly reminder regarding our school uniform policy.

A consistent school uniform plays a vital role in fostering a sense of community, belonging, and pride among our pupils.

Please take a moment to review our full school uniform policy, referenced in the attached guidance. This document outlines the expectations for all items of clothing, footwear, and accessories, ensuring clarity for everyone.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child comes to school each day dressed in the correct uniform, ready for a successful day of learning. Please also make sure that this is named. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation



LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Please find attached guidelines for lunches, snacks and drinks.

School dinners can be ordered via the school gateway app



We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new families who will be joining the Sherwell Valley community in September, especially those starting in Reception. We can't wait to meet you all and begin your journey with us!

WELCOMING OUR NEW FAMILIES

TRANSITION BOOKLETS

This week the children will be bringing their transition booklet home.

Please can children bring these back to school the first week in September to share with their new class teachers

COMMUNITY

Libraries Unlimited

SUMMER EVENTS

AT TORQUAY LIBRARY

Summer Book Quest Launch
Sat 12th July 10:30-15:00
Make pinwheels & sand castles!

Queer Zine-Making Workshop
Tues 29th July 11:00-13:00
Celebrate your identity through the art of zine-making £2.00*

Fun Science With Edd
Wed 30th July 10:30-11:30
Make a deep sea diver to explore water pressure £2.50*

Sculpture Workshop for Children & Adults
Wed 6th Aug 10:30-11:30
Create sculptures out of recycled materials £2.50*

Friendship Bracelet Making Workshop
Wed 13th Aug 10:30-11:30
Make beaded and thread bracelets £2.00*

Crazy Golf
Throughout July and August
50p a go

Finisher's Day
Wed 27th August 10:30-15:00
Water Play & Junk Modelling

BOOK QUEST

*Pre Booking Required

Book via 01803 714453
torquay.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
A £1000 charge payment must be made to secure a place.

Achieve4All 10% SEN DISCOUNT

KINGSTEIGNTON (ST. MICHAEL'S)

Type	Date	Time	£
Standard	Fri 25th July to Thu 26th August	9am-3:30pm	£29
Extended		8am-5:30pm	45.50

OFSTED REGISTERED

TORQUAY (SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Type	Date	Time	£
Standard	Mon 28th July to Thu 28th August	9am-3:30pm	£29
Extended		8:30am-5pm	45

OFSTED REGISTERED

A great opportunity for your kids to learn new skills, stay active, and have an amazing experience. Activities include Archery, Dodgeball, Basketball, and much more fun sporting activities.

AGES 4-12

Book your space today!
www.Achieve4All.co.uk

LINE DANCERS ATTENTION

WANTED

FOR HAVING TOO MUCH FUN IN HER DANCE CLASSES

£6 PER CLASS

ADULTS ONLY CLASS

DANCE WITH DANNI
★★★★ REWARD ★★★★★
1 HOUR OF PURE FUN & FITNESS

DANNI DANCE EVERY THURSDAY 6.30PM AT SHERWELL VALLEY SCHOOL, TORQUAY

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.DANCEWITHDANNI.CO.UK
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL DANNI@DANCEWITHDANNI.CO.UK

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

FOR PUPILS AT SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

TORQUAY UNITED COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

DATES:
WEDNESDAY 23RD, THURSDAY 24TH AND THURSDAY 31ST JULY
FRIDAY 1ST, THURSDAY 7TH, FRIDAY 8TH THURSDAY 14TH FRIDAY 15TH THURSDAY 21ST AND FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

To book, copy and paste the following link:
<https://torquay-unity-cst.classforkids.io/camp/5>
Or alternatively Scan here to book

Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter icons

TORQUAY MUSEUM Presents

SCIENCE NINJAS

Bringing hands on science to everyone

BOOK NOW

Exciting, hands-on experiments for families to watch and take part in.

Sunday 27th July
Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th August

Booking essential
Just £1 with a valid museum ticket!

TORQUAY MUSEUM
www.torquaymuseum.org
Registered Charity No. 502330

ZUMBA STRUT SHAKE SHINE

Sherwell Valley Primary School. 16+
Tuesday @6:30pm- £6.00 per class.
All welcome.

FREE SNORKELLING COURSE

We have a limited number of FREE* spaces on our introduction to snorkelling course. Children must be able to swim confidently for 50m and be in receipt of free school meals to be eligible. Contact us today to book your place. Spaces are limited. 01803 323400 swimtorquay@outlook.com

11th - 15th August 9:50am

10 Top Tips for Helping Children STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

Over the summer our children will, of course, have significantly more spare time now they are out of school. For many youngsters, it may be that a considerable amount of this extra freedom is spent online, using social media apps, video games, streaming services and other digital tech to have fun. For that reason, it's even more important for trusted adults to focus on online safety during the summer break – ensuring that our children are not only aware of the most common threats but also know what to do if they encounter something in the digital world that upsets or disturbs them.

1 ENGAGE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES

It might not always be convenient, but try to make time to show interest in what your child's doing online. Ideally, get involved – by joining in with video gaming and discussing the apps they're using. It will make your child more likely to come to you with any future online worries or concerns.

2 FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

Teach your child to question what they see in the digital world. As fake news increasingly uses AI to create believable audio, video and images, it will become even more important in future years to question the content that we see – and to know how to confirm it as true.

3 BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing, if you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity; younger children are likely to need closer observation.

10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

DIARY DATES



September 2025	
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd September	Children Return to School
Friday 5th September	Year 5 Action Project Sale - 3:30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Year 4 visiting Torquay Museum
Wednesday 17th September	Meet the Teacher 3:40pm, 4pm, 4:20pm
Thursday 18th September	Reception 2026 School Tour 9:30am
Thursday 18th September	School Nurse Drop In session 1:30pm - 3pm
Thursday 18th September	Year 4 Parents' meeting for residential 3pm
Tuesday 23rd September	Y3 Parents' meeting for residential 3:40pm
Friday 26th September	Reception 2026 School Tour 9:30am
October 2025	
Friday 10th October	Reception 2026 School Tour 9:30am
Monday 13th October	Reception Visiting Armada Park (1 class) 10am
Tuesday 14th October	Reception Visiting Armada Park (1 class) 10am
Wednesday 15th October	Reception Visiting Armada Park (1 class) 10am
Tuesday 21st October	2H Lyme Regis Trip
Wednesday 22nd October	2C Lyme Regis Trip
Thursday 23rd October	2F Lyme Regis Trip
Thursday 23rd October	FOSV Halloween Discos
Friday 24th October	Break Up for Half-Term
November 2025	
Sunday 2nd November	FOSV Fireworks display
Monday 3rd November	Return to School 8:40am
Wednesday 5th November	SEND Parents' Evening
Thursday 6th November	Reception 2026 School Tour 9:30am
Monday 10th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th November	Parents' Evening
Monday 17th November	School Photos

TERM DATES



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO



Torbay School Term Dates: 2025-26 Academic Year

	Sep-2025				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30
Wednesday	03	10	17	24	
Thursday	04	11	18	25	
Friday	05	12	19	26	
Saturday	06	13	20	27	
Sunday	07	14	21	28	

	Oct-2025				
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	Nov-2025				
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	Dec-2025				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
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Wednesday	03	10	17	24	31
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Sunday	07	14	21	28	

	Jan-2026				
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	Feb-2026				
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	Mar-2026				
Monday	02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	03	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	04	11	18	25	
Thursday	05	12	19	26	
Friday	06	13	20	27	
Saturday	07	14	21	28	
Sunday	08	15	22	29	

	Apr-2026				
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	May-2026				
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	Jun-2026				
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Thursday	04	11	18	25	
Friday	05	12	19	26	
Saturday	06	13	20	27	
Sunday	07	14	21	28	

	Jul-2026				
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	Aug-2026				
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Training Days
School Holidays
Bank Holidays
25 Dec 2025 (Christmas)
26 Dec 2025 (Boxing Day)
1 Jan 2026 (New Years Day)
3 Apr 2026 (Good Friday)
6 Apr 2026 (Easter Monday)
4 May 2026 (May Day)
25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
25 Aug 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	39	74
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	30	59
Feb to Easter	29	
Easter to June half term	24	62
June to end of term	38	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	



Term Dates: 2026 - 2027 Academic Year

	Sep-2026						Oct-2026						Nov-2026				
Monday		07	14	21	28			05	12	19	26		02	09	16	23	30
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Monday	01	08	15	22	29			05	12	19	26		03	10	17	24	31
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